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**From:** Kovak, Brian  
**Sent:** Sun 9/13/2015 5:59:19 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine Release - please consider possible winter driving conditions for H&S

Laura,

I am adding this to the HASP and will discuss it in our H&S briefing.

Thanks,

Brian

**From:** Williams, Laura  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2015 1:55 PM  
**To:** Kovak, Brian  
**Subject:** FW: Gold King Mine Release - please consider possible winter driving conditions for H&S

**From:** Butterfield, W. Scott [<mailto:W.S.Butterfield@WestonSolutions.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2015 11:20 AM  
**To:** Ackerman, Joyce; Robinson, David; West, John  
**Cc:** Williams, Laura  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine Release - please consider possible winter driving conditions for H&S

Joyce,

This was discussed with our on-site staff this morning. We will monitor the weather on a daily (if not more frequent when require) basis.

Weather and road conditions will be discussed at our daily Health and Safety briefings

Thank you.

-Scott

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**From:** Ackerman, Joyce [<mailto:Ackerman.Joyce@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Saturday, September 12, 2015 3:27 PM

**To:** Butterfield, W. Scott; Robinson, David; West, John

**Cc:** Williams, Laura

**Subject:** Gold King Mine Release - please consider possible winter driving conditions for H&S

Dear Scott, Dave, and John – I have been asked by the Incident Commanders to communicate with you regarding possible winter driving conditions in the coming weeks and months in the Durango-Silverton area. Temperatures are already dropping into the 30's at night in Silverton, and roads at times may become slick and treacherous.

Please communicate with your sampling teams who will be driving these roads regarding safe driving practices, and you should probably address it in your Health & Safety Plan, if it isn't there already. This will be particularly important if there are sampling personnel who are from

parts of the U.S. where these kinds of driving conditions are rare. We would recommend that if roads are slick, then the drivers should be persons experienced with these conditions.

If START personnel believe that roads are unsafe, they should not conduct sampling in those areas that day and inform the Operations Section at the ICP in Durango.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, comments, concerns. Thank you for your assistance!

Joyce Ackerman

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